



PROCLAMATION

Anent the Poor, and providing Correction-Houses for them.

WILLIAM By the Grace of GOD, King of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, To
Macers of Our Privy Council, Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute Greeting: *Forasmuch* as, the Extraordinary Dearth and Scarcity for these several years bypast, hath hindred the due Execution of the several Acts of Parliament, and former Proclamations of Our Privy Council, made and published, anent the providing of the Poor; And that now the seasonable and plentiful Harvest may Allow and doth Require settled and ordered Provisions to be made for the Maintenance of the said Poor, before the approaching Winter: *Therefore*, We with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, Require and Command the Sheriffs of Shires, and Stewarts of Stewartries and the Heretors, and Commissioners of Supply within their respective Jurisdictions, To Meet and Conveen upon the second Thursday of *October* next to come: And there take under Consideration the Acts of Parliament and former Proclamations of Our Privy Council made anent providing the Poor: And in prosecution thereof, to lay down such Rules and Measures for Maintaining and Subsisting the poor within the several Paroches of the said respective Jurisdictions: as have Resided within the same for these three years bypast, and for sending away such of the said poor as are wandering Beggars, to the places where they have had their respective Residences for the last three years bypast, and that in the most orderly and Regular Method they shall think fit. And for the better, providing and Subsisting of the said Poor within the respective Shires and Stewartries We with Advice foresaid, Require and Command the Magistrats of the several Burghs after-mentioned, betwixt and the first day of *December* next to come, to provide Correction Houses for Receiving and Intertaining of Beggars, Vagabounds and Idle Persons within their respective Shires, conform to the Acts of Parliament made thereanent, *Viz.* The Magistrats of the Burgh of *Edinburgh*, a Correction-house for the Burgh and Shire thereof. The Magistrats of the Burgh of *Dumfries*, a Correction-house for the said Burgh and Shire. The Magistrats of the Burgh of *Air*, a Correction-house for the said Burgh and Shire. The Magistrats of the Burgh of *Glasgow*, a Correction-house for the said Burgh and Sheriffdom of *Lanerk*. The Magistrats of the Burgh of *Stirling*, a Correction-house for the said Burgh and Shire thereof, and Sheriffdom of *Clackmannan*. The Magistrats of the Burgh of *Perth*, a Correction-house for the said Burgh and Shire thereof. The Magistrats of the Burgh of *Dundee*, a Correction-house for the said Burgh and Sheriffdom of *Forfar*. The Magistrats of the Burgh of *Aberdeen*, a Correction-house for the said Burgh and Shire thereof. The Magistrats of the Burgh of *Inverness*, a Correction-house for the said Burgh and Sheriffdom thereof: Each of which Houses shall have a large Clois sufficiently inclosed, for keeping the said Poor people, that they be not necessitat to be alwise within Doors, to the Hurt and hazard of their health: And We with Advice foresaid Require and Command the saids Correction-houses to be provided and in readines by the said respective Magistrats, betwixt and the first day of *December* next to come, under the penalty of five hundred Merks *Scots* Money, to be employed for the use of the Poor of the said Shire. And Ordains the Magistrats of the respective Burghs above-mentioned, to receive the Poor of the the Shires above set down, which shall be sent to them at and after the said day, and Intertain the same, whether the saids Correction-houses be provided or not. And to the effect the Sheriffs, Heretors Stewarts and Commissioners of the several Shires within this Kingdom may have the said Matter more fully before them, We hereby Ordain and Appoint the Proclamations of Our Privy Council, dated the Eleventh day of *August* one thousand six hundred and ninety two years, and the twenty ninth day of *August* one thousand six hundred ninety three years, and last day of *July* one thousand six hundred ninety four years, Ratified and Approven by the twenty ninth Act of the sixth Session of Our current Parliament, to be Reprinted and sent to the Sheriffs of the several Shires and Stewartries or their Clerks, to be laid before the said Meeting at the day above-mentioned; And which we with Advice foresaid, Ordain to be put to punctual and Vigorous Execution in all points: And we hereby Require and Command the Sheriffs of the several Shires, and Stewartries of Stewartries and Magistrats of Burghs to Report a particular Account of their Diligence in the Premises to the Lords of Our privy Council betwixt and the first day of *February* next to come, as they will be answerable at their highest perill. OUR WILL IS HEREFOR and we Charge you strictly and Command, that incontinent these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-Cross of *Edinburgh*, and Remanent Mercat-Crosses of the hail Head-Burghs of the several Shires and Stewartries within this Kingdom, and there in Our Name and Authority by open Proclamation make Intimation hereof: And Ordains Our Solicitor to transmit Copies hereof, and of the several Proclamations above-written to the Sheriffs and Stewarts of the several Shires and Stewartries and their Clerks, to the effect Copies of this Proclamation may be sent to the Ministers in the several Paroch-Churhes, to be by them Read upon the first Lords day immediatly preceeding the said Meeting of the Sheriffs, Stewarts and Heretors upon the said day of their Meeting. And Ordains these presents to be Printed
Given under Our Signet at *Edinburgh* the *Fifteen* day of *September*, and of Our Reign the *Eleventh* Year, 1699.

Per Actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.
GILB. ELLIOT Cls. Sti. Concilii.

GOD Save the King